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              METHOD, DEVELOPMENT-
              SUPPORT SYSTEM AND
              STORAGE MEDIUM STORING
              PROGRAM OF SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 21, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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In the written description.

Please amend the abstract as indicated below:

A system development method is provided which enables a prompt and proper correction of a malfunction of a functional unit and enables the malfunction of the functional unit and results of corrections made to correct the malfunction to be ~~surely~~ notified to all developers who are developing systems using the functional unit. ~~The system development method uses a development support system in which a~~ A̲ server ~~used to provide~~ provides macro information and macro files, developer̲ clients ~~to~~ develop macros and user̲ clients ~~to~~ develop semiconductor devices by combining macros.̲ are connected through the Internet. User clients ~~Clients to develop semiconductor devices, by registering macro users, by referring to macro information and by obtaining~~ obtain̲ files of two or more macros and combining them, develop and check̲ semiconductor devices, ~~check operations of them~~ and, when the semiconductor devices do not operate properly due to malfunctions of the macro, transmit question information about the macro to the server and, based on replied information, obtain files of another macros.̲ ~~, then change design to have another try of developing semiconductor devices and checking their operations.~~